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## Flagstaff Regional Plan 2012 addresses ENERGY

FLAGSTAFF –The Regional Plan Citizen Advisory Committee has drafted critical policies, addressing energy efficiency, energy production and the use of renewable energy as key factors in Flagstaff's pursuit for sustainability. The 2012 Regional Plan with all of its policies—once ratified by the Flagstaff City Council and voters—will provide guidance to both public and private entities in shaping the community's future. The appointed Advisory Committee with assistance from the city and county planning staff outlined the following goals and policies:

Goal #1: <u>Increase energy efficiency</u> through public education, promotion of energy efficient technologies and design for all projects, and easily accessible, efficient alternative transportation.

Goal #2: Expand production and use of renewable energy to decrease dependence on non-renewable energy sources (coal, gas, nuclear power plants, and oil). Increasing renewable energy production and use (biomass facilities, solar power, wind power, etc.) requires initial investments for installation and distribution, but is economically more efficient and environmentally more sustainable in a long-run.